A newsletter for the alumni of the College of Coastal Georgia, Coastal Georgia Community College, Brunswick College, and Brunswick Junior College.

To view more photos, check out the College's Facebook page.

CLASS NOTES:

GRACIE JORDAN '20

Congratulations to Gracie Jordan who was recently hired as the new marketing manager of the Brunswick Downtown Development Authority.

Her new job position was announced in the August 28 edition of *The Islander Newspaper* which in part reads, "Monday, Aug. 21 was the first day on the job for Gracie Jordan, Marketing Manager, and Chelsea Hill, Director of Business Development.

From left: Gracie Jordan, Mathew Hill, and Chelsea Hill

They spent the next four days in Canton along with DDA Executive Director Mathew Hill attending the Georgia Downtown Association conference. Gracie is a College of Coastal Georgia graduate with a degree in hospitality and tourism management. A Jesup native, Gracie comes to DDA from Disney World in Orlando."

FOSTER HAYES '18

Congratulations to Foster Hayes who became the director of rentals for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Hodnett Cooper Real Estate earlier this year in April.

Foster was featured in *Coastal Illustrated*'s Realtor Q+A article, where he talked about his favorite Golden Isles landmark, hobbies and some of his favorite people that he's worked with over the years.

Read the article here.

LIFE UPDATES:

Alumni, we want to know what you've been up to after graduation. Please share with us your good news, job promotions, career changes, accomplishments, awards, marriages, birth announcements, and new businesses. We want to celebrate with you!

ENDEAVOR
CENTER FOR HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES

The College of Coastal Georgia has launched the ENDEAVOR Center for High Impact Practices that will help students articulate the transformation they've experienced at the College. The ENDEAVOR Center was launched at the Student Success Summit in May and is being led by Assistant Professor of English Dr. Mary McGinnis, who serves as its director.

The purpose of ENDEAVOR is to help students internalize and effectively communicate the different skills and concepts they're learning in classrooms, assignments, through campus programming, events and more. The main feature of the ENDEAVOR Center is the ENDEAVOR tags. The tags reflect five different competencies. Students are able to earn tags through course assignments, internships, jobs, and engaging in co-curricular programming and activities.

The tags are:

Social Awareness & Consciousness

Critical Thinking & Problem Solving

Professionalism & Personal Responsibility

Written, Oral, & Visual Communication

Collaboration & Teamwork

In Fall 2022, McGinnis and nine faculty members piloted ENDEAVOR tags in their courses and awarded close to 500 tags. Overall, the tags were accepted positively by students. McGinnis shared that of students surveyed 81 percent felt the tags were a reward for their hard work, 80 percent wanted to receive more tags, 76 percent wanted to collect them all, 74 percent were excited to receive the tags, 71 percent found them meaningful and agreed the tags helped them understand course skills, and 69 percent agreed that the tags helped them explain their skills to other people.

"It's been really successful so far with the students," McGinnis said. "When you gamify concepts, people get more excited about them, and they want to get all the tags or points that they can."

Read more about ENDEAVOR here.

SARA HANSEN: FAITH THROUGH IMPERFECTION

Written by Jay Strader, Director of Sports Information

The paths of our lives are often times marked with "unusual" decisions. To the rest of the world, our decisions may seem unconnected, random, or even foolish. For Sara Hansen, her decision to come to Coastal Georgia looks random from the outside but if it didn't look a bit odd it wouldn't be worth telling.
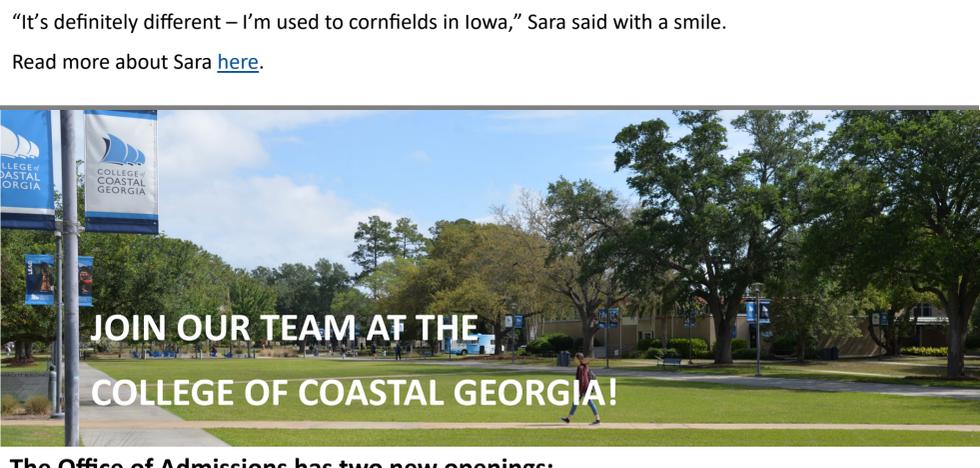
Growing up, Sara lived on a dairy farm in Hudson, Iowa, with her family where they have 300 cows and six kangaroos in a town of 2,615 people. Her father is a delivery truck driver for the milk produced at their family's farm and her mother works for the state of Iowa as an auditor; she also coaches high school volleyball.

"My family background is all hard work – working on the farm 24/7," Sara said. "My dad and I are super close and strong in our faith, he pushes me towards that. It's a good balance (with my parents) because my mom is more of the sports side. She's always hyping me up."

Now, she's attending the College of Coastal Georgia where "College is Better By the Beach." What do these two places have in common? On paper, absolutely nothing. Even to Sara it first seemed strange that she was even considering it, but eventually it all made sense.

"It's definitely different – I'm used to cornfields in Iowa," Sara said with a smile.

Read more about Sara here.

JOIN OUR TEAM AT THE COLLEGE OF COASTAL GEORGIA!

The Office of Admissions has two new openings:

Admissions Counselor/Recruiter—Regional (Middle Georgia/South Atlanta)

Admissions Counselor/Recruiter—Transfer

Search for the jobs here at College of Coastal Georgia Careers

- Click "View All Jobs" and search the keyword "Admissions" to see the job postings.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There is always something going on at the College of Coastal Georgia. Here are some upcoming events:

- Homecoming Week: Oct. 9—Oct. 14
- Homecoming Tailgate: Oct. 14, SAC Lawn, starting at 11 a.m.
- Graduate & Professional School Expo: Oct. 12, Campus Center, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Men's Golf
  The NAIA National Preview: Oct. 2-3, in Dalton, Ga.
- Women's Golf
  Savannah Dual Match vs. SCAD-Savannah: Oct. 6, Savannah, Ga. 18 Holes
- Volleyball
  vs. Webber International: Oct. 4, Brunswick Campus, starting at 7 p.m.
  vs. St. Thomas University: Oct. 7, at St. Thomas University, starting at 2 p.m.
  vs. Southeastern University: Oct. 11, at Southeastern University, starting at 7 p.m.
  vs. Ave Maria University: Oct. 14, Brunswick Campus, starting at 2 p.m.

Check out the College of Coastal Georgia Calendar for all events.

STAY IN TOUCH

We would love to stay in touch with you. Please tell us about yourself and what you've been up to after college. Update your contact information here.

Questions? Contact alumni@ccga.edu.